

## THIEVES WORK HERE

## More Crimes Follow Robbery of Pullman Passengers.

## BANK RUNNER LOSES \$1,052

**Pocket Picked by Clever Gang of "Rush" Workers on Street Car.**  
**Rosecoe C. Bangs the Victim—Real Estate Agent's Employee Slandered—Cigar Store Safe Robbed.**

Washington apparently is being invaded by members of a band of professional thieves, including among the number pickpockets as clever as any who ever worked in an American city. Several robberies, including the opening of a safe by the combination and the picking of the pocket of a bank runner, were reported to the police yesterday. In addition, a hold-up during the afternoon was also reported to the detectives.

The police believe that the culprits are stopping off here only temporarily on their way to and from the Jamestown Exposition. Several robberies similar to that accomplished on the Washington bank runner yesterday are reported from Baltimore. Yesterday morning's Baltimore papers gave considerable publicity to the work of several systematic pickpocket cases, and it is possible the thieves were scared out of that city and came on to Washington.

On a New York avenue car yesterday professional pickpockets worked the "rush" act on Rosecoe C. Bangs, a bank clerk, and extracted from his pocket a wallet containing bills amounting to \$1,052, a receipt from the United States Treasury for mutilated money for \$2,233, checks made out for something like \$400, and other valuable notes and papers.

## Bangs a Young Man.

Bangs is not yet nineteen years of age. His home is at 1578 Willard street in N. W. Fred Bailey, the boy who was the regular runner for the concern, was not on duty yesterday and Bangs assumed his duties. Shortly after noon he started around town, attending the usual duties and making the regular collections for the bank. Among the places visited by Bangs was the United States Treasury, the Metropolitan Bank, in Fifteenth street, and several other institutions.

Bangs rode a bicycle in covering his territory, and when he made collections placed them in a large leather wallet, which he carried in the inside pocket of his coat.

When Bangs visited the Metropolitan Bank he left his bicycle standing against the curb. He transacted his business within the space of a few minutes' time, and added several hundred dollars to his accumulations. When he came out he found his wheel missing. He thought little of the matter, except to wonder who had taken it, and believed some one had played a practical joke on him.

## Boards a Car.

He then decided to catch a car on the New York avenue line, going east. He took his seat in the car at Fifteenth street. During the short trip he noticed that several men, all of them well dressed, boarded the car and remained close to him. With the arrival of the passengers at Seventh street, Bangs made an effort to reach the street in a hurry. His way was blocked, however, by a large man who pretended to be protecting a woman, the usual game, and in the meanwhile he was surrounded by the other men, who pretended that they were in a hurry to leave the car.

## Finds Money Missing.

Several seconds later, Bangs reached the pavement, and after taking a few steps, reached for his wallet, in his coat, which was buttoned. To the boy's astonishment, it was gone. He glanced around for the men who had sat near him, but only one was in sight. Bangs overtook the big fellow, took him by the arm and told him of his misfortune.

"I would like to search you, just to satisfy myself that you are not the man," Bangs told the stranger.

"Certainly," replied the man, and together the pair went into Hahn's shoe store, where, in the presence of a clerk, Bangs felt through the man's pockets, without finding the money. The man then went on his way and Bangs did not learn his name. He is described as being of small build, was smooth shaven, with a narrow complexion.

Bangs then informed his employers of his loss, and later went to the office of Inspector Boardman, where he told the detectives his troubles. Detectives Horn and Barbee were detailed on the case. Bangs looked over the pictures of the (professional) criminals of the country at police headquarters last night, but was unable to identify any as having been among the men who were on the car at the time the robbery was brought about.

That the theft was well planned, and that the movements of the victim had been figured out by the pickpockets, is evidenced by the fact that the runners' bicycle was taken, so as to compel him to ride on a street car, giving the confederates a chance to accomplish their purpose.

## Collector Slandered.

Mysterious in more ways than one is the case of George C. Elker, 2129 K street, a collector for Westcott & Wilcox, real estate agents, who reported to Capt. Doyle, of the Eighth precinct, yesterday that he had been sand-bagged during the afternoon in a vacant house at 105 S street, and the sum of \$118, belonging to the firm, taken from his pockets. Elker had \$5 and a watch on his person, which he did not lose.

Policeman U. W. Hall was patrolling his beat less than a block away when Elker approached and informed him of the robbery. Elker's story is to the effect that he entered the house, which is for rent, by Westcott & Wilcox, and that just as he opened a door leading to the basement he was struck on the back of the head by a sand-bag, and knocked to the floor.

He was evidently confused when telling the police of his experience. One story was to the effect that Elker saw the robber, and after being robbed chased the man through the back door and out into the alleyway.

## Unable to Tell Color.

Last night he was unable to tell whether the man was white or black.

After reporting the matter to the police, the collector was taken to a drug store where he received medical attention, and evidently suffered considerable pain. Last night his physicians said that the young man had not completely recovered

himself, and they would allow no one to see him. Elker has worked for the real estate firms several years.

Detectives Hartigan and Evans were assigned by Inspector Boardman to solve the mystery. Last night, in company with Capt. Doyle and Bicycle Policeman Garrett, who was called shortly after the robbery was reported, they visited the vacant house and made an investigation with the hope of gaining some information that would throw some light on the case. Nothing of importance was discovered.

## Safe Robbed of \$500.

By working the combination of the big steel safe in the store of the United Cigar Company, at Fifteenth and New York avenue, a thief took nearly \$500 in currency from the money drawers at an early hour yesterday morning. The thieves gained an entrance to the shop by means of a skeleton key. The robbery was reported to police headquarters and Detectives Weedon and Burlingame were put at work on the burglary.

It is not known whether the safe was opened by some one who knew the combination or if it was accomplished by a professional safe opener, who committed his robberies by cleverly working the combination.

It is said, however, that one of the firm recently lost the combination, which was on a piece of paper, but it is not explained just how any finder would know that the figures were those used for opening the money chest of the cigar company. No tools of any kind were used.

A time lock on the door shows that the safe was opened about 1 o'clock yesterday morning. It is believed some one familiar with the place turned the trick. The company holds the manager responsible for the money.

There were no important developments in the robbery of the Pullman car early Sunday morning, when nearly \$300 were taken from the trousers of several Washingtonians. Several local detectives, as well as those of the Pennsylvania, are working on the robbery.

## PRESIDENT TAKES A HAND

## Roosevelt Orders Milk Inquiry in the District.

## Result of Investigation to Be Sent to Congress—Will Aid Whole Country.

President Roosevelt wants to lower the death rate among the babies in cities. He is convinced of the importance of the pure-milk question, and he has written to Surgeon General Wyman, of the Public Health and Marine Hospital Service, directing that an inquiry be made into every sanitary phase of the milk supply of the District. The purpose is to have a report prepared with the stamp of highest official authority, which will afford information and guidance for every city and community in the country in the regulation of its milk supply.

Dr. Wyman has put Assistant Surgeon Gen. John W. Kerr in charge of the work. The plan is to make a minute study of the milk furnished the District, the source of supply, the conditions surrounding the cows on the dairy farms, the transportation of the milk, whether it is delivered with proper sanitary care or by careless and diseased employees, condition of milk bottles, and a great number of other phases of the question.

Dr. Wyman's investigation will be supplemented by the investigation already made in the District by the Washington milk commission, composed of officials of the Department of Agriculture, of the Public Health and Marine Hospital Service, and of reputable physicians, veterinarians, milkmen, and others. This commission made a report of a comprehensive character, disclosing grave conditions.

President Roosevelt is deeply interested, and in a letter to Dr. Wyman, not made public, strongly urged the investigation and report to benefit other communities.

It is understood the President was particularly moved by what he learned of the high death rate among babies, due to impure and improper milk supply.

Although the investigation is to be confined to Washington, experts from other cities will be called upon for advice.

## BOY LOST ON EXCURSION.

## Henry Volker Goes to Glymont and Nothing But His Clothes Found.

In company with several companions, Henry Volker, of 1122 K street northeast, sixteen years of age, went to Glymont yesterday morning with an excursion, and nothing has been seen of him since. During the day the boy was bathing and left his clothes on the bank. Later he wandered through the woods. When it was time to come home last night, his comrades looked for their friend, but were unable to find him. His clothes were found where he left them.

The police were notified of his disappearance last night and requested to make an effort to locate him. It is believed that young Volker either became lost in the woods or was drowned. Early in the evening it was thought he would probably return to the city on the Jane Moseley, the last steamer of the night, but when it arrived the boy was not aboard.

## REQUEST IS REFUSED.

## Undertaker's Firm Asks Right of Way for Ambulances.

Stating that they are operators of a private ambulance for the conveyance of sick and wounded to the hospitals and other places for treatment in the District, Hindle & Bayless, undertakers, have requested the right of way therefore. The request is endorsed by the following practicing physicians of the District: D. Olin Leech, F. O. Roman, H. H. Barker, James F. Mitchell, F. J. Kemp, and Odlin R. Schuler.

R. H. Boardman, acting superintendent of police, to whom the request was referred, stated that he could not recommend that the permit be granted because of the section in the police regulations which limits the right of way upon the streets and avenues to hospital ambulances. In informing the writers, in accordance with this endorsement, the Commissioners state that they will receive any arguments as to why the regulations should be amended for the purpose of granting the right of way to this case.

## Safe Deposit BOXES Rented \$5 Year.

**BEFORE** leaving for your summer outing would it not be an excellent plan to secure protection for your valuables?

Our Safe Deposit Boxes afford absolute protection for valuable papers, jewels, &c. Rented \$5 year.

This company accepts all offices of trust—acts as general agent, &c.

## National Savings and Trust Company,

COR. 15th and New York Ave.

FORTY-FIRST YEAR.

## CITIZENS IN DISPUTE

## North Washingtonians Differ as to Credit for Work.

## MATTER VENTED IN MEETING

**Members of North Washington Citizens' Association, It Is Alleged, Attempt to Capture Credit for Certain Improvements—Recommendations for Street Extensions Made.**

That the North Washington Citizens' Association is stealing the thunder of the North Capitol and Eckington Citizens' Association, by claiming credit for the many public improvements directly due to the efforts of the latter organization, was the statement vigorously and emphatically made at a meeting of the latter association in St. Martin's Hall last night.

The discussion arose upon a motion to thank the Commissioners for their action in transferring the site of the District stables from Bryant street, and the local papers for the publicity given to the protests of the numerous interested citizens.

## Shot From F. M. Ferris.

F. M. Ferris, of the membership committee, was the first to voice his sentiments regarding the alleged claims of the North Washington Citizens' Association, whose territory adjoins that of the North Capitol and Eckington.

"The North Washington Association," said he, "is claiming the entire credit for the transfer of site of the stables, notwithstanding the members of this association have labored faithfully and earnestly toward that end, and to them should be given a portion of the credit. Not only in this instance, but in many others, has this association assumed that to its efforts alone are due the many public improvements in this section. When, as a member of the membership committee, I have approached a citizen with an invitation to become a member of this association, I have been informed that the organization devotes its attention only to Eckington, and that the improvements in North Washington are due to the North Washington Association. This statement is not founded upon fact. I am a member of the North Washington Association, and I do not consider fair the action of the North Washington Association in claiming all the credit."

## New Member Thinks Results Count.

Mr. Ferris was re-echoed in his statements by Herman E. Biss, chairman of the committee on streets, sidewalks, and lights, who stated that the North Washington Association had claimed credit for many of the street improvements which were due alone to the efforts of the North Capitol and Eckington organizations.

In response to a suggestion of a new member that results were what counted, the credit being a minor consideration, A. O. Tinsley, secretary, took up the evidence in defense of his association, stating that its members had labored early and late in the interests of the public, and should be entitled to its thanks. "As for the claims of the North Washington Citizens' Association," said he, "I was recently informed by a member, whose name I will not mention, that it had not been successful in a single instance during the past year in securing improvements in this section."

The discussion was closed by the adoption of the resolutions of thanks to the Commissioners and press.

## Improvements Recommended.

The report of the executive committee recommending that the Commissioners be asked to provide a public park in the space south of T street to Randolph place was adopted. If this is not regarded as practicable, it is recommended that S street be extended from Lincoln road to Second street, in alignment with the present line of S street, and that the land on each side between First and Second street be made into a park.

It is recommended also that First street be extended from its present terminus north of R street to T street, and that the streets east of First street be extended.

The attention of the Commissioners will also be directed to the sidewalk on the street east of Eckington place, and the need of arc lights on North Capitol street.

## INSPECTS DISTRICT FARM.

## Commissioner Macfarland Visits Institutions at Blue Plains.

Commissioner Macfarland on Saturday inspected the District farm at Blue Plains, D. C.; the home for the aged and infirm, and the Industrial Home School for Colored Children. Dr. Percy Smith, superintendent for the home for the aged, and Prof. George W. Cook, superintendent of the Industrial Home School, accompanied Mr. Macfarland.

Commissioner Macfarland said yesterday that the home for the aged and infirm is being cultivated in connection with it were both in first-class condition. He stated that he was much pleased with the results of the work of the superintendent, Dr. Smith, especially as the appropriations were not entirely sufficient. Additional laborers will have to be provided, he said, as the aged men and women are not competent to do the hard work of the farm. With these, he stated, the farm might be made almost self-supporting.

In reference to the Industrial Home School for Colored Children, which is soon to be opened, Commissioner Macfarland said: "The appropriations for the buildings were not sufficient, so that in all respects they are severely simple in construction, and additional buildings will have to be erected. I feel, however, that Prof. Cook will be able to make a successful start in the coming fiscal year, which, if followed up, will make the institution entirely successful."

## SURPLUS STILL GROWING.

## Treasury Figures Yesterday Show \$81,052,317 for Year.

The Treasury surplus for the year reached \$81,052,317 yesterday. At this time last year it was \$17,544,443. The receipts for the current fiscal year have already aggregated \$948,738,025, and five more business days remain before the accounts for the present fiscal year will be closed. The expenditures this year to date were \$257,738,710.

The receipts for yesterday were \$1,063,916, and the expenditures aggregated \$1,570,990, leaving a surplus for the day of \$1,428,516.

## Mrs. Schreiner's Funeral.

The last rites over the remains of Mrs. Susan Schreiner, who died Sunday, were held yesterday at the residence of her son, Maj. Herman Schreiner, U. S. A., retired, at Forest Glen, Md. Rev. Charles H. Butler, pastor of the Keller Memorial Lutheran Church of this city, conducted the services.

The interment will take place in Frederick, Md. Mrs. Schreiner was eighty years of age, and is survived by three children, Miss Helen Schreiner, Edmund E. Schreiner, and Maj. Schreiner.

## RIVER SCHEDULES FIXED.

## Dates of Steamer Sailings to Lower Potomac Are Set.

Under the new summer schedule of the Washington and Potomac Steamboat Company, which will go into effect on June 30, a number of changes in the running time of the boats will be made. The steamers Harry Randall and Wakefield will make six trips each week between this city and the wharves along the river. The Randall will leave here Monday and Wednesday afternoons at 4 o'clock for the landings between Dills wharf and those in the lower Machodoc Creek, and will go into the Wicomico River and the Nominol Creek.

Saturday mornings the Randall will leave here at 7 o'clock and will make all stops between Glymont and Nominol. The sailing days of the Wakefield will be Sunday, Tuesday, and Thursday, at 7 in the morning, and she will make all landings between this city and Wicomico wharf in Maddox Creek. The return trip of these steamers will be on the day after leaving here.

## NEGRO SLASHED WITH RAZOR.

## Adam Lawson Fatally Cut During Fight in Logan Place.

Adam Lawson, colored, of 18 Logan place, was fatally injured shortly before midnight during a fight with another negro near his home. Lawson's jugular vein was severed, and he died at the Homeopathic Hospital early this morning. A love affair caused the fight. The man who did the cutting, according to the police, lives in Brooks court, and he made his disappearance immediately after using his razor on Lawson. He is described as being of light skin, wearing a mustache, and had on dark clothes. The police in all parts of the city were notified to keep a lookout for him.

## FEDERAL CENSUS IS ORDERED

## Enumeration of Oklahoma and Indian Territory to Be Made.

## President Issues Instructions in Order to Prevent a Gerrymander by the Democrats.

In order to prevent a gerrymander of the proposed new State of Oklahoma by the Democrats, President Roosevelt has directed that a Federal census of Oklahoma and the Indian Territory be taken this summer. The fact was announced in the following statement from the Department of Justice yesterday afternoon:

"Upon the advice of the Attorney General, the President has instructed the Secretary of Commerce and Labor to have the Census Bureau make a special enumeration of the inhabitants of the proposed State of Oklahoma, including both the present Territory of Oklahoma and the Indian Territory, to determine the population of the proposed new State and its distribution among the several Territorial subdivisions into which the State will be divided should the constitution confirmed by the convention lately sitting there be approved at the polls."

Members of the administration have been led to believe that the constitution recently adopted by the constitutional convention of Oklahoma, so re-arranged the boundaries of certain counties in the proposed new State as practically to nullify that part of the enabling act which described the boundaries of the new Congressional districts. As a first step toward preventing a Democratic gerrymander, the President has directed the Secretary of Commerce and Labor to have the Census Bureau make a special enumeration of the inhabitants of the proposed new State as practically to nullify that part of the enabling act which described the boundaries of the new Congressional districts. 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